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1. IN DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY WITH BRIAN DUKE, CHIEF SECRETARIAT RECRUITMENT, AND ARTHUR STILLMAN, ECE, LEARNED FOLLOWING:

A. ABDOU CISS, CHIEF OF PERSONNEL, UNOG, WILL STEP DOWN TO TAKE ANOTHER POSITION WITH UNHCR. SPECULATION IS THAT HE WILL BE REPLACED BY A SOVIET NATIONAL, NOW IN U.N., N.Y.

B. DEMOGRAPHER POSITION, ECE, WILL PROBABLY GO TO DUTCHMAN, ALREADY IN U.N. SYSTEM. ACCORDING TO DUKE, FOUR U.S. APPLICANTS HAD IMPRESSIVE BACKGROUNDS, BUT DUTCHMAN, WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN FERTILITY RESEARCH AND PLANNING, WHICH ECE SPECIFICALLY LOOKING FOR, WOULD HAVE BEEN HARD TO BEAT UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

C. D-1 POSITION, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORT DIVISION, ECE, NOW HELD BY HALBERTSMA (DUTCH), WOULD BE OPEN TO AMERICAN CANDIDATES, IN EVENT HIS RETIREMENT NEXT YEAR. HOWEVER, IN EVENT HE (HALBERTSMA) ASKS FOR ONE YEAR EXTENSION, TO 1980, IT PROBABLY WOULD BE GRANTED.

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D. AMCIT MAYO, WHO HAD BEEN SELECTED TO REPLACE ARTHUR MOSES IN P-2 POSITION WITH PROJECTION AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION, ECE, HAS DECLINED OFFER. COMPETITION FOR POSITION WILL BE REOPENED, BUT POSSIBLE CHANGES IN POSITION DESCRIPTION MAY NECESSITATE NEW ANNOUNCEMENT. ARTHUR BRODSKY, U.S. CITIZEN, NOW WITH UNCTAD, EXPECTED TO BE

ONE OF LEADING CANDIDATES FOR VACANT SLOT.

E. GERMAN NATIONAL APPEARS TO BE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR P-2 POSITION IN TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, PRESENTLY HELD BY ANTHONY APOSTALIDES (U.S.).

F. ECE ACTIVELY SEEKING POSITION FOR STEVE GALLOP (U.S.), NOW STAFFER WITH U.S. CONGRESS. HE APPARENTLY HAS MADE VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON BOTH STANOVNIK AND STILLMAN, SO MUCH SO, IN FACT, THAT STILLMAN THINKS HE WOULD BE IDEAL FIT FOR P-4 INFORMATION SLOT EXPECTED TO BECOME VACATED. MAIN PROBLEM REGARDING HIS CONSIDERATION FOR THIS POSITION IS THAT FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE BY OPI, U.N., NEW YORK, IN EVENT VACANCY BECOMES A REALITY.

G. MIKTON (U.S.), NOW WITH BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL, GENEVA, HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR P-4 POSITION, TRANS NATIONAL CORPORATION, ECE.

H. BOENSTEIN (U.S.), P-5 WITH RESEARCH DIVISION, ECE, SCHEDULED FOR RETIREMENT FEBRUARY, 1979. ONE YEAR EXTENSION POSSIBLE, IF HE DESIRES IT, OTHERWISE SLOT BECOMES AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. GOOD CHANCE THAT, IN EVENT BOENSTEIN RETIREMENT NEXT YEAR, POSITION MAY BE FILLED FROM WITHIN, BUT IF NOT, EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN CANDIDATE.
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2. ACTION REQUESTED: WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED BY THE INFORMATION THAT MR. DUKE GAVE US WITH RESPECT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THE CHIEF OF PERSONNEL SLOT IN GENEVA FILLED BY A SOVIET NATIONAL. WE FEEL THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT USUN AND WASHINGTON MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS CREDENCE IN THIS INFORMATION. IF SO, WE THINK THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE, WITH NO HOLDS BARRED, SHOULD BE DONE TO STOP IT. THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE KEY POSITIONS IN GENEVA IN TERMS OF THE FUTURE PLACEMENT OF OTHER PERSONNEL IN THE UN SYSTEM HERE AND THE LOSS OF THIS POSITION TO A SOVIET NATIONAL WOULD BE A SETBACK OF SIGNIFICANT MAGNITUDE.

IN RELATION TO THE OTHER POSITIONS WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY, AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED WITH RESPECT TO THE STATE OF PLAY. SORENSON

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